

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously Presented) A disposable shoe liner comprising:

a laminate structure shaped to approximate the contours of a foot, said laminate structure comprising a first substrate containing a thermoplastic polymer and a second substrate containing a thermoplastic polymer, at least one of said substrates comprising a nonwoven web, wherein the thermoplastic polymer of said first substrate is fused together with the thermoplastic polymer of said second substrate to form fused portions and unfused portions located between said fused portions, said unfused portions defining pockets containing discrete regions of a functional material that is capable of providing comfort to the foot of a user, wherein said functional material has a hardness that is greater than the hardness of said first substrate and said second substrate.

28. (Previously Presented) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 27, wherein said functional material contains particles.

29. (Previously Presented) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 27, wherein said functional material contains a fragrance, an odor absorbent, a liquid absorbent, a germicidal material, or mixtures thereof.

30. (Previously Presented) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 27, wherein said functional material contains an odor absorbent.

31. (Previously Presented) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 30, wherein said odor absorbent includes activated carbon granules.

32. (Previously Presented) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 27, wherein at least one of said substrates contains a film.

33. (Previously Presented) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 27, wherein at least one of said substrates contains an elastomeric component.

34. (Previously Presented) A disposable shoe liner comprising:
a laminate structure shaped to approximate the contours of a foot, said laminate structure comprising a first substrate containing a thermoplastic polymer and a second substrate containing a thermoplastic polymer, at least one of said substrates comprising a nonwoven web, wherein the thermoplastic polymer of said first substrate is fused together with the thermoplastic polymer of said second substrate to form fused portions and unfused portions located between said fused portions, said unfused portions defining pockets containing discrete regions of a functional material that is capable of providing comfort to the foot of a user, wherein the functional material contained within a first group of said pockets has a packing density that is greater than the packing density of the functional material contained within a second group of said pockets.

35. (Previously Presented) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 34, wherein said functional material contains particles.

36. (Previously Presented) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 34, wherein said functional material contains a fragrance, an odor absorbent, a liquid absorbent, a germicidal material, or mixtures thereof.

37. (Previously Presented) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 34, wherein said functional material contains an odor absorbent.

38. (Previously Presented) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 37, wherein said odor absorbent includes activated carbon granules.

39. (Previously Presented) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 34, wherein at least one of said substrates contains a film.

40. (Previously Presented) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 34, wherein at least one of said substrates contains an elastomeric component.

41. (New) A shoe in which is placed a disposable shoe liner, the liner comprising a laminate structure comprising a first substrate containing a thermoplastic polymer and a second substrate containing a thermoplastic polymer, at least one of said substrates comprising a nonwoven web, wherein the thermoplastic polymer of said first substrate is fused together with the thermoplastic polymer of said second substrate to form fused portions and unfused portions located between said fused portions, said unfused portions defining pockets containing discrete regions of a functional material that is capable of providing comfort to a wearer's foot.

42. (New) A shoe as defined in claim 41, wherein said functional material contains particles.

43. (New) A shoe as defined in claim 41, wherein said functional material has a hardness that is greater than the hardness of said first substrate and said second substrate.

44. (New) A shoe as defined in claim 41, wherein said functional material contains a fragrance, an odor absorbent, a liquid absorbent, a germicidal material, or mixtures thereof.

45. (New) A shoe as defined in claim 41, wherein said functional material contains an odor absorbent.

46. (New) A shoe as defined in claim 45, wherein said odor absorbent includes activated carbon granules.

47. (New) A shoe as defined in claim 41, wherein at least one of said substrates contains a film.

48. (New) A shoe as defined in claim 41, wherein at least one of said substrates contains an elastomeric component.

49. (New) A shoe as defined in claim 41, wherein the functional material contained within a first group of said pockets has a packing density that is greater than the packing density of a functional material contained within a second group of said pockets.

50. (New) A shoe in which is placed a disposable shoe liner, the liner comprising a laminate structure comprising a first substrate and a second substrate, at least one of said substrates comprising a nonwoven web, said first substrate containing a thermoplastic polymer and said second substrate containing a thermoplastic polymer, wherein the thermoplastic polymer of said first substrate is fused together with the thermoplastic polymer of said second substrate to form fused portions and unfused portions located between said fused portions, said unfused portions defining pockets

containing discrete regions of particles that are capable of providing comfort to a wearer's foot.

51. (New) A shoe as defined in claim 50, wherein said particles contain a fragrance, an odor absorbent, a liquid absorbent, a germicidal material, or mixtures thereof.

52. (New) A shoe as defined in claim 50, wherein said particles contain an odor absorbent.

53. (New) A shoe as defined in claim 52, wherein said odor absorbent includes activated carbon granules.

54. (New) A shoe as defined in claim 50, wherein said particles have a hardness that is greater than the hardness of said first substrate and said second substrate.

55. (New) A shoe as defined in claim 50, wherein the particles contained within a first group of said pockets have a packing density that is greater than the packing density of particles contained within a second group of said pockets.